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In re A	Application of:	)		
Kunio SHIOTA et al.		) ) Grou	up Art Unit: 1631	
Application No.: 09/881,748		) ) Exar	Examiner: John S. BRUSCA	
Filed:	June 18, 2001	) Con	firmation No. 8762	
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## PETITION FOR FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a four month extension of time to extend the due date for filing a Request for Continued Examination to December 22, 2004. Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and the appeal fee on June 22, 2004. A fee of \$1,590.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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